(c) what is the number of post offices in the country and how many of them are served by ED employees; and

(d) what is the number of ED employees at present under 'Pay-off' duty for more than four months and the average subsistence allowance being paid to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. The question of grant of subsistence allowance to E.D. employees put-off duty was considered but it was not found feasible.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The total number of post office in the country as on 31.3.1988 is 1,44,829 out of which 1,19,648 are manned by E.D. employees.

(d) As on 1.11.1987, the number of ED employees put-off duty for more than four months is 3676. No subsistence allowance is paid to ED employees for the put-off duty period.

Import of Insecticides

1539. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has allowed or recommended the ad-hoc import of restricted insecticides, fungicides and weedicides by private parties/companies; if so, what are the details thereof, productwise and company-wise along with the quantity imported during the last one year till date by each party/company; and

(b) what are the norms and conditions laid down by Government for such ad-hoc import of these items?

TH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The imports are governed by the Import Policy of the Govt. of India. In this policy, there is a list of restricted items whose imports can be allowed subject to observance of the relevant provisions of the Import Policy. In the case of insecticides fungicider and weedicides, which are registered under the Insesctcides Act the imports are recommended keeping in view the demand and indigenous availability of the product. Adhoc imports were recommended during the last one year for the following items:

1. *Carbaryl*

Gujarat Agro-Industries Corpn. 500 MT

Bharat Pulverising Mills Pvt. Itd. 100 MT

2. *Diuron*

Bharat Pulverising Mills Pvt. Ltd. 25 MT

Production of Insecticides, Fungicides and Herbicides

1540. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the technical grade of insecticides, fungicides and herbicides which are being produced in the country along with the names of the manufacturing companies, their installed capacity and the actual production, product-wise and company-wise during the last one year; and

(b) what are the names of the parties which have been granted letter of intent/industrial licence and also of parties whose applications are pending for manufacturing of technical grade of pesticides during the last two years, party-wise/product-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The required information to the extent it is available, is given in the enclosed statements I and II. (*See* below) Company-wise data is not mointored by this Department.

Formulations

Satement -I

(In '000 tonnes)

Item	Production 1986-87
B.H.C.	25.40
D.D.T.	8.00
Malathion	2.70
Parathion	1.20
Metasystox	0.23
Fenithrothion	0.08
Fenthion	0.27
Dimethoate	1.10
Phosphamidon	*1.10*
D.D.V.T.	0.43
Quinalphos	0.60
Ethion	0.24
Carbaryl	0.05
Monocrothophos	1.90
Endosulphan	2.20
Tnimet (phorate)	1.50
Phosalone	0.07
Fenvalerate	0.35
Cypermethrin	0.13
Copperoxychloride	1.20
Captafol	0.05
Captan	0.07
Thiocarbanates	2.90
Nickel Chloride	..
Organo Mercurials	0.20
Carband izin (*Bavistin*)	0.16
2,4 D	0.81
Isorroturon	0.92
Paraquat (Cramoxone).	0.25
Basaline	0.025
Dalapon	Neg.
Diuron	0.41
Dycocil Lihooin	..
A.N. Acetic Acid	..
Ratafin	Neg.
Zinc Phosphide	0.43
Alumn Phosphide	1.34
Methyl Bromide	0.07
Ethylene Dibromide	0.04
Aureofungin	..
Steotecycline	..
TOTAL	56.26

Statement—II

Sl.No.	Name of the company	Name of the pesticides
	Letter of Intent:	
1	M/s Sandoz India Ltd.	1, 2 Hydro 2 .oxcaquinozaline
2	M/s Arbals Ltd.	Fenveterate
3	M/s Rallis India Ltd..	Kitazine
4	M/s Montari Industries Ltd.	Monoerotophos, Endosulfan, Dicof
5	M/s. Gujarat Insecticides Ltd.	Cypermethrin
6	M/s New Chemi Industries	OCarbendzine Lien of Methyl Para
7	M/s JKBM Ltd.	Thiram
8	M/s Rallis India Ltd.	Fenvalerate
9	M/s Atul Products Ltd.	Butachlor
10	M/s JKBM Ltd.	Thiophenate Methyl
11	M/s Shaw Wallace Ltd	Acephate Tech.
12	M/s Gharda Chemicals Ltd	Chloroteluron
13	M/s. Sandoz India Ltd.	Fenvalerate
14	M/s Gharda Chemicals Ltd	Anilofos
15	M/s Shaw Wallace & Co	Inaopropul Bromide
16	M/s Hoechst India Ltd.	Anilofos
17	M/s Atul Products Ltd.	N.N. Diethylphenyl Acetamide
18	M/s. Rallis India Ltd.	Daminozide
19	M/s JKBM Ltd.	Ziram

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Name of the pesticides
20	M/s Rallis India Ltd.	Estephon
21	M/s Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.	Carbhofuran Tech.
	Industrial Licences :	
1	M/s Gujarat Insecticides Ltd.	Chlorpryphos
2	M/s BASF India Ltd.	Cypermethrin
3	M/s May & Baker India Ltd.	Isoproturon
4	M/s. Devidayal (Salesj) Pvt. Ltd.	Methyl Parathion
5	M/s Rallis India Ltd.	Atrapine, S.mapine
6	M/s Southern Pesticides Corpn.	BHC(26Æ)
7	M/s Hoechst India Ltd.	Isoproturon
8	M/s JKBM Ltd.	Butachlor
9	M/s. Parapure Chemicals Ltd.	Decamethrin
10	M/s Rallis India Ltd.	Accephate
11	M/s Atul Products Ltd.	Tetradifon
12	M/s Atul Products	Isoproturan, Meto Zuran
13	M/s Crewe Chemicals (India) Ltd.	Buteachlor,eSimipine0/Atrapine Diarun.
14	M/s JKB M Ltd.	Thiram.

Use of Pigeons as Mail Carrier

1541. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of a T.V. programme 'Aise Bhi Hota Hai' in which it was shown that in the days of airmail, quick mail service and speedy post, pigeons, are still used by the Police Department of Orissa Government for carrying their mail;

(b) if so, what are the reasons due to which the services of piegons is considered better than Post and Telegraph Department;

(c) if the services of pifeons are really considered better in comparison to the Postal Department, whether Government would like to utilise such service in other parts of the country in the near future; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. Orissa Police have informed that they have been using Homer Pigeons since 1946 for carrying their mail.

(b) This is an internal service of the Police Department of Government of Orissa. This service is limited to carriage of only Police Department's mail, within the State and is restricted to that extent. As per the Police Department of Orissa Government the pigeons service is used an additional means of communications to inaccessible areas during an emergency and in case of non-availability of other means of communications. The Telecommunications system is developing radio media to cover the inaccessible areas but it is at developmental stage and is not available in sufficient quantities.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (b) above.